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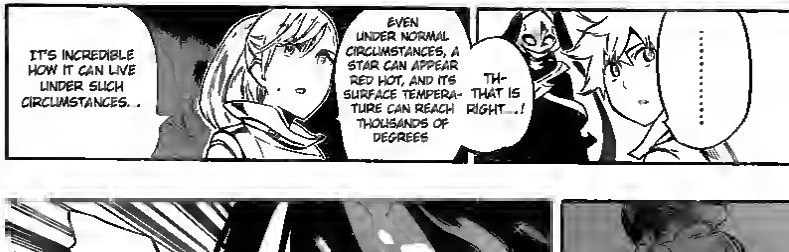
STEP 33
BEATING OF THE HEART
G-go help...!?
On Betelgeuse ...!?
WHAT DOES PEROPUNYAN INTEND TO DO...!?
YES! IF WE DO NOT HURRY, WE WILL NOT MAKE IT IN TIME...
WE NEED TO GO BEFORE THE SUPERNOVA EXPLOSION...!!
A SUPERNOVA EXPLOSION
We... we're going to Betelgeuse...? Can we do such a thing...?
N-no... I haven't heard about this before...!
原作 竹内良輔
漫画 ミヨカワ将

THIS PHENOMENON IS KNOWN AS THE DEATH OF A STAR!
I DIDN'T KNOW SOMETHING LIKE THIS WAS ABOUT TO HAPPEN...
HAVING USED UP ALL ITS FUEL, THE PRESSURE DIES DOWN AND FAILS TO COUNTERACT ITS GRAVITATIONAL FORCE. SUDDENLY, IT SHRINKS AND RELEASES ENORMOUS AMOUNTS ENERGY IN A HUGE EXPLOSION.
SUPERNOVA EXPLOSIONS NATURALLY OCCUR WHEN A MASSIVE STAR CANNOT WITHSTAND THE PRESSURE FROM ITS OWN GRAVITY AND IT COLLAPSES ON ITSELF. THUS, IT UNDERGOES NUCLEAR FUSION.


IT'S INCREDIBLE HOW IT CAN LIVE UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. .
EVEN UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, A STAR CAN APPEAR RED HOT, AND ITS SURFACE TEMPERATURE CAN REACH THOUSANDS OF DEGREES
TH-THAT IS RIGHT...!
.....

BUT, I CAN STILL HEAR IT!!
BUT...

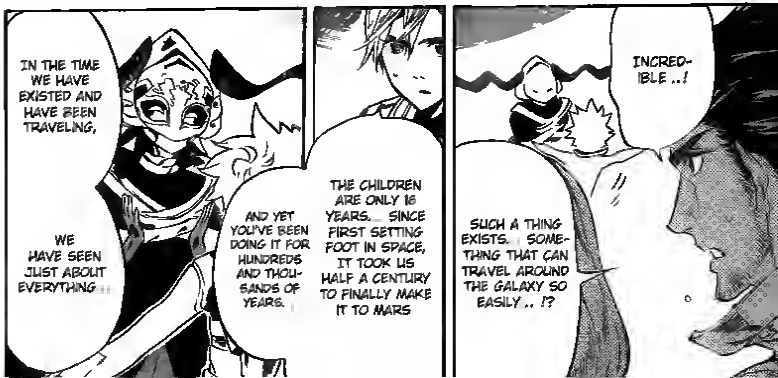
This voice.
What is it... What is it trying to tell me...?
Is it crying...? Is it frightened...?
Is this the voice of Betelgeuse...?
I'm scared...
Are you okay? Mikura-san!
.....!?
IZUMI... TAKE TIME TO CALM YOURSELF DOWN... PLEASE TRY TO CONCENTRATE ON US INSTEAD.
UH... HUGH...
.....
.....OKAY..
IZUMI, YOUR POWER IS STRONG...
YOU CAN HEAR THE VOICE BETTER THAN I CAN... I'M SORRY FOR NOT REALIZING THAT.

A voice ... A voice...!
I knew there was other life in space!
YES, OF COURSE!
THIS SPACIOUS UNIVERSE EXPANDS FAR BEYOND YOUR EARTH, MAHO.
THIS GALAXY IS BUT ONE OF A HUNDRED BILLION GALAXIES.
IT'S NOT THE ONLY ONE IN WHICH LIFE EXISTS... DON'T YOU THINK THAT WOULD BE RARE?
MOREOVER, IF THERE ARE COUNTLESS STARS,
THERE MUST BE LIFE MUCH DIFFERENT FROM YOU AND ME!

MEET-
ING...!
BECAUSE EACH AND EVERY MEETING WOULD BE A DIFFERENT, PRECIOUS EXPERIENCE...(
(WANT TO TRY AND MEET MANY MORE KINDS OF LIFE!
SO NOW THAT I'VE MET ALL OF YOU,
SPACE IS REALLY... REALLY... REALLY A VAST PLACE.
LONELI-
NESS
WOULD NO LONGER EXIST...
BUT STILL, IF ONLY I COULD HEAR THIS VOICE...
WE COULD SPEND ENDLESS DAYS MEETING THEM...

.....!!
EVEN IF IT TAKES TENS, HUNDREDS... THOUSANDS OF YEARS...!!
I WANT TO HEAD TO WHERE IT IS COMING FROM!!

...!!
THAT'S RIGHT. COMPARED TO YOUR UNIT FOR YEARS, I AM SEVERAL TIMES OLDER!
How old do you look?
PE... PEROPUNYAN. THEN, YOU MUST BE ABLE TO LIVE FOR A VERY LONG TIME...?


IN THE TIME WE HAVE EXISTED AND HAVE BEEN TRAVELING,
WE HAVE SEEN JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING...
AND YET YOU'VE BEEN DOING IT FOR HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS OF YEARS.
THE CHILDREN ARE ONLY 18 YEARS... SINCE FIRST SETTING FOOT IN SPACE, IT TOOK US HALF A CENTURY TO FINALLY MAKE IT TO MARS
INCREDIBLE..!
SUCH A THING EXISTS... SOMETHING THAT CAN TRAVEL AROUND THE GALAXY SO EASILY..!?

THE SCALE IS UNIMAGINABLE..
A-AMAZING...
THIS IS CERTAINLY AMAZING...
ARE WE REALLY CAPABLE OF GOING WITH THIS ALIEN..?
THE VOICE IN MY HEAD..
IT'S SCARY, ISN'T IT..?
SHIRAFUNE..
SHIRAFUNE-SAN..
.....!
I UNDERSTAND
!!
Let's go!

H-HEY, SHIRAFUNE! IT ISN'T THAT EASY...
DO YOU REALLY THINK THIS IS A SIMPLE MATTER...
EH...
O-OF COURSE I DON'T THINK IT'LL BE THAT EASY!
THAT'S RIIIGHT, MAHO! IT WON'T BE SIMPLE!!
WE WILL FULFILL MY WISH. BUT WE NEED TO BE PREPARED!
I KNOW, BUT... TO PUT IN FRANKLY, I'M SCARED!
AH. AS AM I! IF I HAD BEEN APPROACHED SUDDENLY WITH SUCH A REQUEST, I WOULD FEEL THE SAME!
TH-THEN WHY...
IS IT...
THAT JUST MEANS
SEE!
YOUR NERVES ARE GETTING THE BETTER OF YOU!

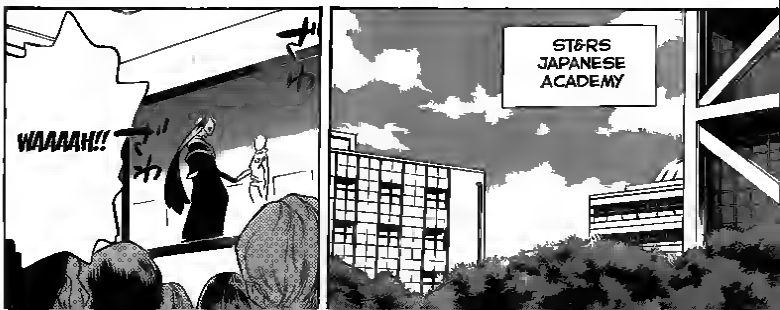
WHILE IN CLASS, THE TEACHER GOT ANGRY AT HIM FOR TRYING TO LOOK FOR THE ISS WITH BINOCULARS...
.....
.....!!
OH, MAHO!! YOU ARE THE SAME AS ME!!
T-THIS IS
NO DIFFERENT FROM THAT ONE TIME...
BEFORE DOING ANYTHING, I TEND TO ONLY THINK ABOUT WHAT I CAN'T DO...!
IF I COULD JUST OVERCOME MY FEARS...
I'M JUST AFRAID. I HAVEN'T CHANGED ANYTHING...
PERO-PUNYAN!

I WANT TO LEND THE POWER OF THIS VOICE TO YOU ..!
TAKE COURAGE!!
If I can
do something to be helpful... to everyone...
WE NEED WATARU, IZUMI, AND EVERYONE ELSE!!
T-THANK YOU!
Amachi-kun...!
Mikura-san...!
HOW TO USE... OUR POWERS ...?
I WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO USE YOUR POWERS!
WELL, WE MUST NOT BE SO CAREFREE WITH OUR TIME. SO, IN ORDER TO SEE BETELGEUSE,
AND HERE IT IS.
FIRST, WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE USE OF MAHO'S POWER... WE MUST TAKE IT OUT QUICKLY LIKE THIS.

!!

EH, EH! I CAN!?
MAHO, YOU CAN ALSO DO THIS!
COULD IT BE...
I-IT'S A LITTLE PEROPUN-YAN...!?
WAIT... W-WHAT IS THIS...!?

OBSERVING BETELGEUSE CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS!
LIKE THE CELESTA, THIS WAS MADE USING THE POWER OF MAP.
WE CALL IT AN "ALTERNA."
SO, WITH THIS, WE CAN NOW GO THERE.
BUT FIRST, LET'S PRACTICE IT ON EARTH!
E-
EARTH...?

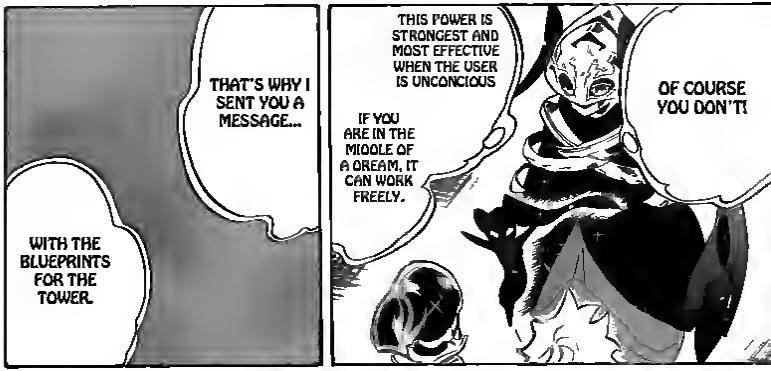

WAAAAH!!
STARS JAPANESE ACADEMY

AH! IF I HAD GONE, I WOULD BE OUT ALREADY...!
I'M WORRIED...
Y-YEAH...
THEY'VE JUST BEEN SHAKING HANDS FOR AWHILE NOW. ISN'T IT JUST REPEATING IN THE SAME SPOT!? I WANNA KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!!
THEY WENT INTO THE ALIEN'S SPACESHIP AND HAVEN'T COME OUT...
THEY'VE BEEN IN THERE FOR A LONG TIME...
I WONDER IF MAHO IS ALRIGHT...
I'M SURE NOTHING BAD HAS HAPPENED TO THEM, BUT...
キィィ
HM...?
GYAH!!

W-
WAIT!!
WH-WHAT THE HECK IS THIS THING!?
AN ALIEN!?
WHA...
WHAT...
done
Woah!!

IT'S...
WRITING SOME-THING.
Peropanyan is showing me how to use my power.
-Maho
.....?
EH...

!?
It vanished!?
This is...
Maho's... Maho's handwriting!
"PERO"... "NYAN"...?
Shirafune-san... Did you really see everyone back at home...?
Y-yeah... I could see them clearly...
And I could feel everything too!!
H-how much could you see...!? I knew that power was bad!!
EH!?
IT'S MY FIRST TIME USING THIS KIND OF POWER!! I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING, I SWEAR!
NO, MAHO.
IT IS NOT YOUR FIRST TIME.
HUH...



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I NEVER THOUGHT SOMETHING LIKE THAT COULD EMERGE FROM ME...
REALLY... IT WAS ALWAYS IN MY MIND...
BLUEPRINTS... COULD IT BE...!
H-HONESTLY... I DIDN'T THINK YOU COULD EITHER... SORRY..
Y-YEAH ...
S-SO, WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN BETTER TO SEND YOUR ALTERNA TO MARS INSTEAD OF HIS TO BUILD IT..?
AH... I SEE..
I GUESS IT'S EASIER TO CREATE ONE CLOSEBY...
NO... THE FARTHER AWAY THIS ALTERNA MOVES, THE SMALLER ITS POWER GETS.
How do we see a star that is 640 light years away like Betelgeuse...
Then... Hold on a minute!
IT IS FOR THAT REASON THAT I DID NOT BUILD IT MYSELF.

THEN.
LET'S GO...!!
TO BETEL-GEUSE ...!!
TO THE OTHER SIDE...! OF OUTER SPACE!!
OF COURSE.
WE NEED YOUR AND IZUMI'S POWER!!
WATARU, WE CAN USE THE ENERGY FROM YOUR "MEMORY" TO EXTEND THE DISTANCE THE ALTERNA CAN REACH.
IZUMI, WE CAN USE YOUR "SOUND" AS A SONAR TO FIND THE SOURCE OF THE VOICE.
I MYSELF HAVE ALL THREE POWERS,
BUT EVERYONE ONE OF YOUR POWERS ARE STRONGER THAN MINE!
WILL YOU HELP ME?

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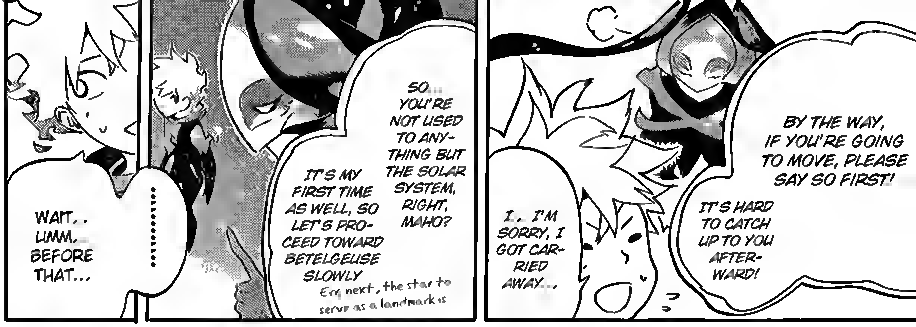
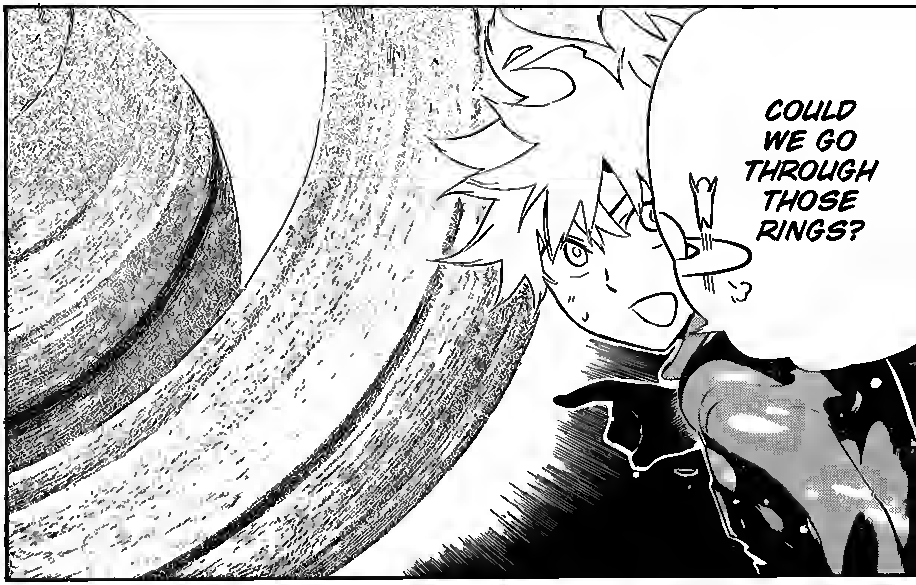
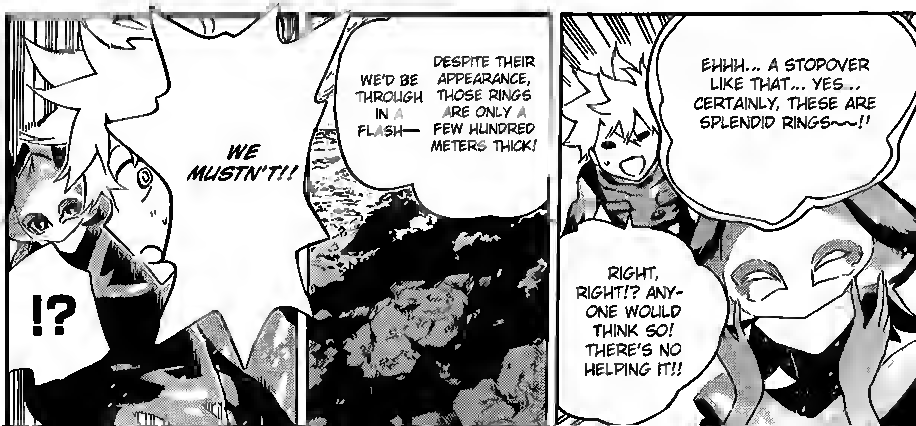
Step 34
Betelgeuse
Combining the "powers", Alterna flies!!
WAH...
WAWAH...!!
Story Takeuchi Ryousuke
Art Miyokawa Masaru

IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM WHEN I HELD THE PEN JUST BEFORE...!
IT'S LIKE I'M REALLY HERE...!!
I'M...
IT'S TAKING MY SHAPE...!!
ALSO....
SATURN ...!!
IS SO CLEAR...!
MY VIEW OF SPACE—!!

IT MAKES FOR SUCH A DIFFERENCE...!
RIGHT NOW, THE POWERS OF THE FOUR OF US ARE COMBINED INTO ONE
IT'S THANKS TO THAT!
SEE!
TO SATURN, THAT I COULD ONLY IMAGINE BEFORE...!!
I... IN ONE LEAP!
.....!!
The rings are amazing!!


WAIT.. UMM.. BEFORE THAT...
.....
IT'S MY FIRST TIME AS WELL, SO LET'S PROCEED TOWARD BETELGEUSE SLOWLY
SO... YOU'RE NOT USED TO ANYTHING BUT THE SOLAR SYSTEM, RIGHT, MAHO?
Eng. next, the star to serve as a landmark is
I.. I'M SORRY, I GOT CARRIED AWAY...
IT'S HARD TO CATCH UP TO YOU AFTERWARD!
BY THE WAY, IF YOU'RE GOING TO MOVE, PLEASE SAY SO FIRST!


COULD WE GO THROUGH THOSE RINGS?


!?
WE MUSTN'T!!
WE'D BE THROUGH IN A FLASH—
DESPITE THEIR APPEARANCE, THOSE RINGS ARE ONLY A FEW HUNDRED METERS THICK!
EHHH... A STOPOVER LIKE THAT... YES.. CERTAINLY, THESE ARE SPLENDID RINGS~~!!
RIGHT, RIGHT!? ANYONE WOULD THINK SO! THERE'S NO HELPING IT!!

!!
I TOLD YOU, WE'VE BECOME ONE! WE ALL HAVE THE POWERS OTHER THAN OUR OWN FLOWING INTO US
ALTHOUGH IT'S YOUR OWN POWER THAT'S THE STRONGEST
I... I SEE...
TH... THE TWO OF YOU, ALSO ALTERNAS...!?
HOW...?
WAH!

MI... MIKURA-SAN, WE CAN'T...?
BUT... LOOK, SATURN IS SO CLOSE...
WE CAN'T... OR RA-THER..
...IF YOU HAVE MY POWER RIGHT NOW, MAHO-SAN..
PLEASE.. TRY LIS-TENING TO THE VOICE
.....
THE VOICE..
BETEL-GEUSE'S VOICE...?
!?

I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND IT MYSELF EITHER...
IT'S... LIKE A SCREAM...
WH... WHAT IS THIS...!!?
THE VOICE OF SOMEONE WHO CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT BE SCARED ALL ALONE
BUT THIS IS .
ALONE...?
ARE SOMETHING I UNDERSTAND...
TIMES LIKE THAT...
BUT UNABLE TO CALL ON ANYONE ELSE'S SUPPORT...
ALONE... ANXIOUS...
YES...

I'M SORRY!!
MIKURA-SAN...
!
THIS IS THE VOICE YOU HEARD, MIKURA-SAN..
YOU HEARD IT, AND JUST COULDN'T LEAVE IT ALONE!!
ANY STOPOVERS ARE OUT OF THE QUESTION!
Y... YES!
WE HAVE TO HEAD TO WHERE THIS VOICE IS COMING FROM AT ONCE!
EHHH~~
INDEED THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR ANY STOPOVERS.
NO MATTER HOW FAR IT MIGHT BE!!

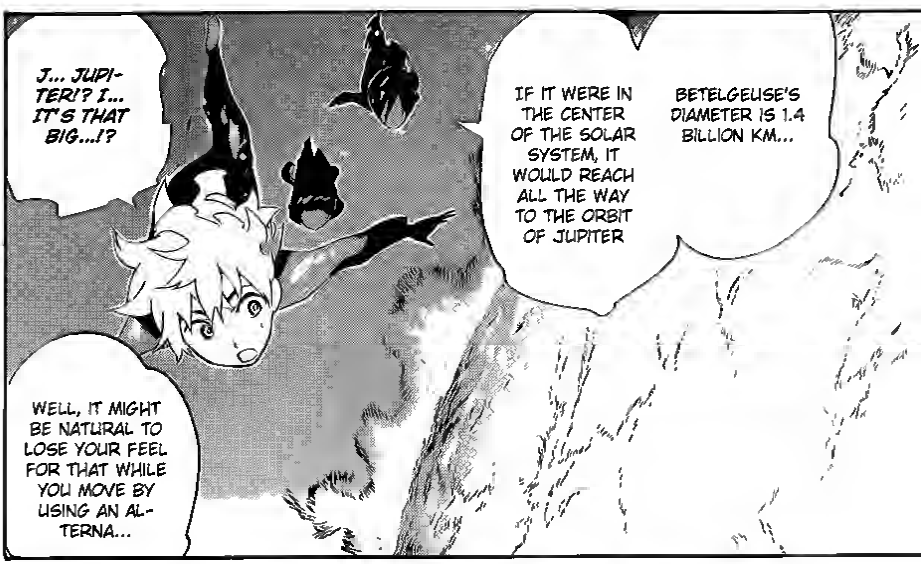
If only Shirafune-san were with me back then...
WEREN'T YOU ALL FOR IT TOO, PEROPU-NYAN!?
WAS I?
YOU WERE! DON'T MAKE ME OUT TO BE THE ONLY VIL-LAIN!
ACTUALLY, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND BE-TELGEUSE
SHOULDN'T WE PRESERVE AS MUCH POWER OF MEMORY AS WE CAN...
USING UP ONLY THE MINIMUM NECESSARY FOR MOVING?
YES! JUST AS WATARU SAYS
THIS IS ENERGY, AFTER ALL. IF WE RUN OUT, WE'LL BE IN TROUBLE
YES...!
LET'S GO IN ONE LEAP...!
THEN EVEN MORE SO!

BETELGEUSE—!
THIS IS...
ORION'S RIGHT SHOULDER...
THE RED SUPER-GIANT—

.....! A... ALTHOUGH IT STILL HASN'T EXPLODED
WHOA!!
A... AMAZING INTEN-SITY...!!
IT'S SAID THAT STARS TAKE THE SHAPE OF AN UMEBOSHI BEFORE EX-PLODING..
BUT WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN AN INTENSE UMEBOSHI LIKE THIS!?
..PERO-PUNYAN..?

I... I'M SO NERVOUS, LIKE THE TIME WHEN I MET YOU ALL...!
JUST WHAT KIND OF A LIFE IS THERE...!?
I FEEL THE EXTRAORDINARY GALACTIC POWER...!
来たぁ!!
AMAZING! IT'S AMAZING!
Y... YES...!
ERR...
MIKURA-SAN, DO YOU KNOW THE PRECISE LOCATION WHERE THE VOICE IS COMING FROM?
It's more like a sumo wrestler slapping his face before a match...
B... but Peropunyan doesn't look nervous at all...
I... IT'S NEARBY...!
IT'S JUST BEYOND THAT FLARE...!
.....!

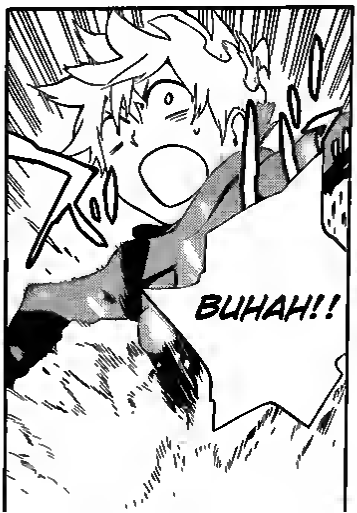
EH... WHY?
WE'VE GOTTEN PRETTY FAR AWAY FROM OUR NORMAL SENSATIONS... WE NEED TO KEEP THAT IN MIND...
Y... YES!
THAT'S VERY CLOSE!! LET'S GO!!


J... JUPITER!? I... IT'S THAT BIG...!?
WELL, IT MIGHT BE NATURAL TO LOSE YOUR FEEL FOR THAT WHILE YOU MOVE BY USING AN ALTERNA...
IF IT WERE IN THE CENTER OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM, IT WOULD REACH ALL THE WAY TO THE ORBIT OF JUPITER
BETELGEUSE'S DIAMETER IS 1.4 BILLION KM...

A CHILD...
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, IT'S LIKE A CHILD'S VOICE...
BECAUSE IT'S A YOUNG STAR...?
8.5 MILLION YEARS! THAT'S YOUNG!?
AS FAR AS "STARS" GO, IT'S JUST A CHILD
IT'S BIG, BUT IT'S A VERY YOUNG STAR
IT'S PROBABLY BEEN AROUND 8.5 MILLION YEARS SINCE ITS BIRTH...

JUST WHAT IS...
THERE...?
EH!
WHAT!?
!?

YOU'RE FINE BECAUSE IT IS THE ALTERNA, BUT...
YOU'VE LOST SOME POWER WITH THAT, SO LET'S BE CAREFUL
THAT... WAS A SURPRISE... WHOA, THE ALTERNA...!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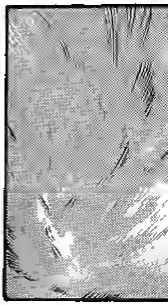

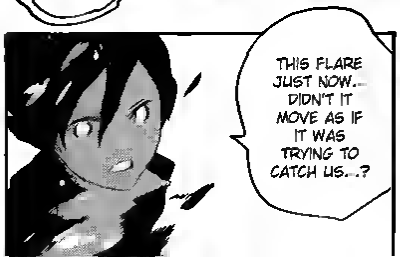
THIS FLARE JUST NOW... DIDN'T IT MOVE AS IF IT WAS TRYING TO CATCH US...?

FROM OVER THERE...!
EH...!?
THE VOICE...!
WE'VE BEEN NOTICED AS WELL...!

I... I CAN HEAR IT...! OVER THERE...!
THAT'S... THAT'S THE ONE WHO SENT THE VOICE OUT...?
THAT'S A LIFE-FORM...?
EH... EH!? SOME-THING'S MOVING!
I... I'VE HEARD OF THIS, BUT...
I'VE NEVER SEEN IT MYSELF...
ズ ズ
IT'S CHANG-ING SHAPE TO MATCH US...!!
ズ ズ
THAT'S BETELGEUSE'S...
BETELGEUSE'S HOSHI!
What is the form that has appeared...!?

STARS
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STARS
BETEL-GEUSE'S
HOSHI
A life form... That being...!?
Step 34 Hoshi
Story Takeuchi Ryousuke
Art Miyokawa Masaru
TH- THIS CHILD SENT OUT THAT VOICE!?
THERE IT IS...!
IT WAS REALLY HERE! ON BETEL-GEUSE...
TH...
.....!!

SHIRAFU-NE-SAN, YOUR VOICE IS A LITTLE...
HEY, YOU'RE—
AH, IT'S LOOKING THIS WAY!
Y... YEAH, AMAZING...! IT'S NOT TOO HOT HERE...!?
...UNBELIEVABLE TO THINK THAT SOMEONE WOULD LIVE IN SUCH AN ENVIRONMENT..
IT'S ALSO ENTIRELY DIF-FERENT FROM PEROPUNYAN.. JUST WHAT KIND OF A LIFE FORM IS IT..?

I... I GOT STARTLED...!
AH, IT'S SENDING LIGHT IN ALL DIRECTIONS AGAIN...
!!
GEEZ!! YOU'RE TOO LOUD, SHIRAFUNE-SAN!!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE STARTLING IT!?
S... STARTLING...?
THAT'S RIGHT! PLEASE LISTEN CAREFULLY! TO THAT CHILD'S VOICE!!
VOICE...
WHO

WHO ARE
YOU ALL...?
WE HAVE TO TALK THEN...!
Y... YEAH, WE CAN SPEAK DIRECTLY...
!
P POWER OF SOUND, HUH... THIS TIME I CAN EVEN CLEARLY UNDERSTAND WORDS!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO FRIGHTEN YOU!
I'M SORRY FOR STARTLING YOU BY BEING LOUD!
AND MY NAME IS PEROPUNYAN
I'M AMACHI WATARU
I... I'M SHIRAFUNE MAHO!
MIKURA IZUMI
PLEASE FEEL AT EASE!

THAT CHILD... ISN'T A "BE-TELGEU-SIAN"?
SAME AS THE STAR...? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
.....IT LOOKS LIKE EMOTIONALLY IT IS AS CHILDISH AS THE AGE OF THE STAR
SHIRA...
NYAN...?
.....
SHIRA
FUNE
MAHO
NYAN..
MAHO... WE TOO ARE PIECES OF THIS UNIVERSE
I TOLD YOU, RIGHT?
EVEN "STARS" ARE PIECES OF THE UNIVERSE, JUST A LITTLE BIGGER THAN US—
SHIRAFU-NE-SAN, YOUR VOICE!!
S-STARS HAVE LIFE!?
YES
THAT STARS WOULD POSSESS VOLITION, FEELINGS... LIFE
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN IT'S NOT UNEX-PECTED

I_ I'm sorry_ I got startled again_
SO .. SO THEN, THAT CHILD IS
THE STAR OF BETEL-GEUSE'S LIFE ITSELF...?
IT'S THE STAR OF BETELGEUSE AND A LIFE
WE CALL SUCH BEINGS
YES
TH- THAT CHILD IS... A STAR...!?
HOSHI
IT'S A VERY RARE EXPE-RIENCE!
BUT IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING ONE CHANGE SHAPE TO THAT OF THE OBSERVER!
THERE ARE VARIOUS TYPES OF HOSHI, AS MANY AS THERE ARE STARS
HOSHI...!

D... DOES THAT MEAN THERE IS ONE ON EARTH AS WELL...? UN-BELIEVABLE ..
BETELGEUSE LOOKS LIKE SUCH A LITTLE CHILD...
TO THINK IT HAS A CLEAR PERSONALITY LIKE THIS...
Personality? Maybe astrality?
...READMAN ONCE TOLD ME
THERE IS A WAY OF THINKING THAT REGARDS AN ENTIRE STAR AS ONE LIFE FORM...
I SEE! IT'S THE SAME AS THIS!
BETEL-GEUSE .....
GEUSE...
EH!! Y... YEAH...
BUT IT'S JUST US CALLING YOU THAT...
!? THE FIRE...
IS THAT...
MY NAME...?

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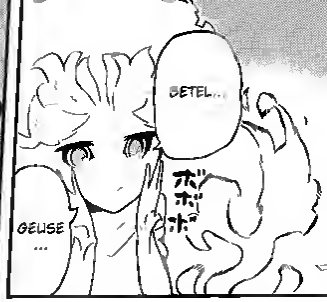
BETEL...
GEUSE ...
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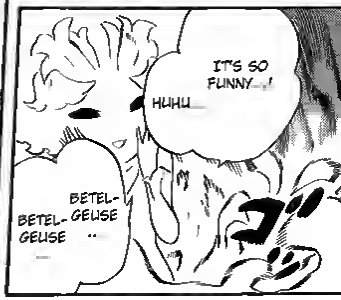
IT'S SO FUNNY...!
HUHU...
BETEL-GEUSE ..
BETEL-GEUSE ...
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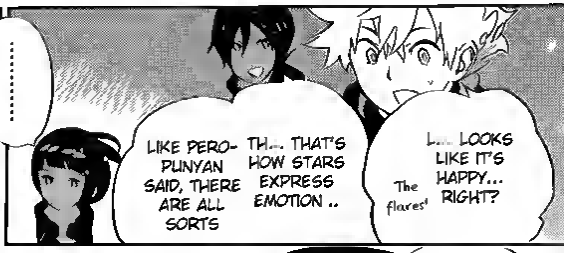
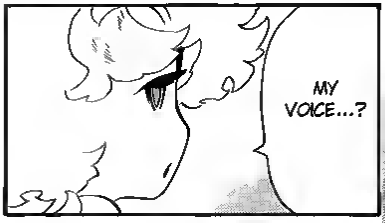
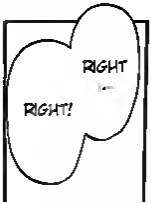
WE CAME BECAUSE WE HEARD YOUR VOICE!
UH... UMM


.....
LIKE PERO-PUNYAN SAID, THERE ARE ALL SORTS
TH... THAT'S HOW STARS EXPRESS EMOTION ..
The flares!
L... LOOKS LIKE IT'S HAPPY... RIGHT?


MY VOICE...?

THE VOICE THAT SEEMED LIKED YOU WERE CRYING, LIKE YOU WERE SCARED...
WE KEPT HEARING IT...
TELL US WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED...?


RIGHT...
RIGHT!

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I WANT TO LEAVE HERE!!
I...
THAT'S RIGHT!!
I HAVE...
ALWAYS BEEN ALONE HERE.
I LOOKED AT EVERYTHING SPARKLING OUTSIDE, AND BURNED
L... LEAVE!?
Y.. YES
B... BURNED...
Y... YES, BURNING IS FUN!
I MEAN, IF I DID MY BEST AND SHINED...
THE SPARKLING OUTSIDE WOULD SPARKLE EVEN MORE!
THAT'S WHY I WAS HAVING FUN...
DOING MY BEST AND BURNING...

HEAVY ...?
.....
I COULDN'T BURN WELL...
I BEGAN TO GROW DIM..
MY BODY STARTED GETTING HEAVIER AND HEAVIER...
IT JUST WOULDN'T MOVE ANYMORE NO MATTER HOW I TRIED...!!
BUT SOMETHING BECAME STRANGE...

I BECAME AFRAID OF BEING ALONE...
AND THEN SUDDENLY...
THAT'S BECAUSE THE FORCE OF GRAVITY GREW STRONGER
A SUPERNOVA EXPLOSION MIGHT BE APPROACHING...!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU SENT OUT THAT VOICE...
YOU WERE TROUBLED ALL BY YOURSELF, AND SCARED

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INDEED
STARS CONSUME THEIR FUEL STARTING WITH HYDROGEN, THEN HELIUM, THEN CARBON, AND IN THE END
THEY CREATE AN ELEMENT CALLED IRON
WH... WHY THE GRAVITY AND THE EXPLOSION WOULD...
DIDN'T WE STUDY THAT, SHIRAFUNE? IT'S IRON...
E... EXPLOSION...? BUT I ALWAYS DO THAT, AND I'M FINE...
NO... A SUPERNOVA IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THAT
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, NUCLEAR FUSION ENDS
IRON ACCUMULATES IN THE STAR'S CENTER...
THE STAR ISN'T ABLE TO SUPPORT ITS OWN WEIGHT ANYMORE
AND AT THAT RATE
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Core
A BIG EXPLOSION OCCURS...
AND THE STAR TURNS INTO... SPACE DUST...
D... DUST...!
TH... THAT'S...
UH... UUUU UH~~

N...
NOOOOOOOOO~~~!!
I DON'T WANT TO... SAVE ME...!
I... I... I'LL BE GONE ...!? I WILL DISAP-PEAR!?
.....!!
IT'LL BE OKAY!!

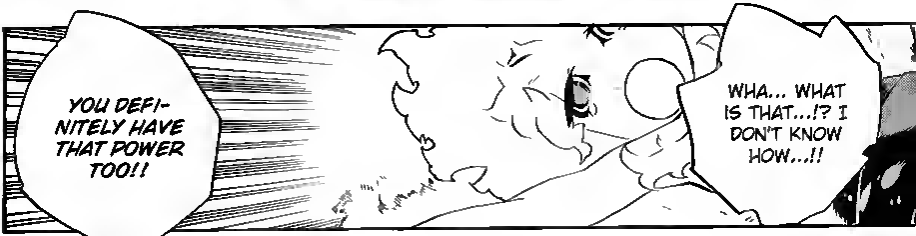
WE'LL SAVE YOU!! THAT'S WHY WE CAME HERE!
R... REALLY!?
YEAH... WHEN SOMEONE ASKS US TO SAVE THEM, WE CAN'T JUST IGNORE IT!
.....! I SEE. AMACHI-KUN ALSO WANTS TO BE A DOCTOR
IF IT'S LIFE, HE WANTS TO SAVE IT, EVEN IF IT'S A STAR—
BE-SIDES ..
YOU... WERE ALWAYS ON YOUR OWN. YOU MUST HAVE BEEN LONELY
I WAS AT A PLACE CALLED THE SPACE ACA-DEMY BEFORE COMING HERE...
I WAS HAPPY THAT I MADE MANY FRIENDS WHO ALL WANTED TO GO TO SPACE...
THIS TIME... I WANT TO TEACH THAT HAPPINESS TO YOU...

Y...
YES! I WANT TO GO...!
TO-GETHER...!
IF YOU'D LIKE... WE COULD BECOME FRIENDS
WOULD YOU GO WITH US...?
TO SPACE...!
YEAH. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY BUT TO USE THE "POWER OF MEMORY" TO PULL HER OUT OF THE STAR!
MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, WE HAVE TO THINK UP A WAY TO SAVE HER...
D... DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME...
I'M MOVED! I KNEW IT, INTERSTELLAR CULTURAL EXCHANGE IS GREAT!!
LET'S GO WITH ALL OUR STRENGTH!!
EVERY-ONE...!
MEMORY... I SEE, THIS POWER IS THE ONE THAT AIMS FOR THE UNIVERSE...!
IT'S LIFT-OFF, RIGHT!!?

!!
ALL RIGHT...
YEAH!!
WE'LL PULL YOU OUT FOR SURE!
YES!
AND...
ONE...
TWO...!

PULL!!!
A... AMA-ZING... WITH THIS, WE CAN...!
SHIRA-FUNE'S ALTER-NA...!
...N... NO...
TOO...
HEAVY...!

W... WE'RE GOING AT FULL STRENGTH ...!!
IS THIS HOW HEAVY A STAR IS...!?
WITH ONLY US HERE, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE...!
.....!
BETEL-GEUSE!!
YOU HAVE TO USE YOUR POWER OF MEMORY TOO!!


WHA... WHAT IS THAT...!? I DON'T KNOW HOW...!!
YOU DEFINITELY HAVE THAT POWER TOO!!

TO SPACE...?
THE FEELINGS OF WANTING TO GO OUT INTO SPACE...!!
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS TO FEEL THAT STRONGLY!!
SPACE...
TO SPACE ...!

I WANT TO GO!!
TO-GETHER WITH EVERY-ONE...!!
A new life... is spreading!!
WE DID IT!!
WE...!

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On the verge of exploding... Betelgeuse's rescue!!

Step 36 Hunch

Story Takeuchi Ryousuke
Art Miyokawa Masaru

... NO, THAT LAST PUSH WAS YOUR STRENGTH
IT WAS POSSIBLE BECAUSE YOU YOURSELF WANTED TO GO OUT INTO SPACE
I'M HAPPY...!
IT'S ALL THANKS TO EVERYONE...
REALLY, THANK YOU!
IT WAS MY
Y— YES!
EVERYONE!
IT SEEMS THE STAR'S CONTRACTION HAS ENTERED ITS FINAL STAGE
LET'S REMOVE OURSELVES TO A SAFE DISTANCE

WHEN WE GOT HERE, IT WAS SO BIG...
IT'S SHRUNK TO ABOUT HALF THE SIZE ALREADY ...?
IS IT'S STRENGTHENED GRAVITY CRUSHING THE STAR...?
... WE WERE ABLE TO SAFELY RESCUE THIS CHILD
SINCE WE'RE ALREADY HERE, LET'S WATCH THE SUPERNOVA EXPLOSION AND THEN GO HOME
LET'S, LET'S! LET'S TOTALLY WATCH IT!!
I... I CAN'T BELIEVE I'D BE ABLE TO SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES...
Even if in an Aferma
EVEN IF THE STAR EXPLODES, *OUR* BETELGEUSE-CHAN WILL BE OKAY?
THAT STAR IS LIKE A CAST OFF SHELL ...
AS A HOSHI, THIS CHILD WAS ABLE TO SEPARATE FROM THE STAR, SO SHE WILL BE OKAY
.....

IT'S FINE LIKE THAT!!
NO, IT'S FINE!!
R... REALLY!? I'M GLAD
SEE!?
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF. YOU'RE SAFE, BEL-CHAN!
BESIDES, I THOUGHT BEL-CHAN WAS CUTER
IS IT BAD?
UH... WELL, YOUR NAME WAS A BIT DIFFICULT ...
...? BEL-CHAN?
THEN, HOW ABOUT "ROPUNYAN"?
BEL-CHAN
EH!?
BEL-CHAN
ME TOO! PLEASE NAME ME TOO!!
I... I SEE... TH... THEN... WHAT ABOUT "PERONYAN" ...?
MAHO. . THAT'S NO GOOD. IT HAS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT AND DANGEROUS MEANING...
"ROPUNYAN"

I'LL... GO TO THE SPACE ACADEMY TOO!!
YES... I LOVE AMACHI!
HE TOLD ME TO BE WITH HIM!
WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE ? I DON'T GET IT AT ALL...
THAT'S FINE! LIKE THAT!
BEL-CHAN, YOU KEEP CLINGING TO AMACHI-KUN
Y... YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO...
AFTER ALL, IT'S FIFI-SAN WHO'S THE PRINCIPAL OF THE JAPANESE SCHOOL...
I... CAN'T...?
EH!!
YOU, A HOSHI!?
BOTH WE AND HOSHI ARE PIECES OF THE UNIVERSE
I SAID THAT ALREADY
...THAT'S TRUE. LET'S TALK ABOUT THAT.
Since there's some time left until the explosion
PERONYAN, YOUR "MISSION" WAS ONLY TO SAVE HER, RIGHT ...?
CAN BEL-CHAN GO TO SPACE ACADEMY?

OUR CIVILIZATION DISCOVERED OUR FIRST HOSHI A LONG TIME AGO—
USING GALACTIC POWER, WE STARTED SEARCHING FOR MORE HOSHI...
BEFORE LONG, WE FOUND THE SECOND ONE
AND THUS, LIKELY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE GALAXY...
TWO HOSHI MET!
TH... THOSE TWO WERE LIKE BEL-CHAN..?
YES... WE THOUGHT THEY'D BE ABLE TO CONVERSE CALMLY
BUT THEN SOMETHING TOTALLY UNEXPECTED HAPPENED
NAMELY...

BEFORE WE KNEW IT, THE TWO HOSHI FUSED—
AND BECAME ONE!!
TH. . THEY COMBINED INTO ONE BODY...!?
!
YES
BUT IT WASN'T LIKE ONE OF THEM TOOK CONTROL
THE CONSCIOUSNESS AND MEMORIES OF BOTH OF THEM COULD BE PERCEIVED—
IT WAS A FEELING OF SATIATION, AS IF A PART OF YOU THAT HAD BEEN MISSING RETURNED— THAT'S HOW IT WAS DESCRIBED
THAT'S NOT SCARY...?
THE HOSHI ITSELF TALKED ABOUT IT
It's fine even now!
WHY DID SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
WHY!!
THAT'S THE QUESTION! THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO FIND OUT...!

THIS UNIVERSE WAS BORN FROM EMPTY "VOID"—!
THEN THE FIRST STAR WAS BORN FROM HOT GASES...
MORE STARS WITH VARYING FEATURES WERE BORN...
THEN FINALLY WE CAME TO EXIST—
THAT'S HOW IT WAS BELIEVED UNTIL NOW
UNTIL NOW...?
.....

HOSHI FUSE TOGETHER... WHILE MAINTAINING THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS AND MEMORIES...
THEY HAD BEEN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT STARS, YET WHY...?
WHAT IF OUR ORIGINAL THEORY IS WRONG...?
WHAT IF EVERYTHING WASN'T BORN FROM EMPTINESS...?
IF YOU ASSEMBLE HOSHI...
IF YOU KEEP FUSING THEM—
THEY WOULD TURN INTO "SOMETHING"
THAT WAS THERE BEFORE THE UNIVERSE BEGAN—
THAT SOMETHING ...

BETELGEUSE IS...!!

THE CORE HAS COLLAPSED UNDER PRESSURE
ONLY GAS AND DUST WILL BE LEFT BEHIND……
THIS IS "THE FINAL MOMENT OF A STAR"

GAS AND DUST...?

A RING, HUH... THIS ISN'T SUCH A BAD WAY TO DIE...
NO, IT MIGHT BE A NUISANCE...
I... IT'S FINE LIKE THIS
AFTER ALL, IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL!

BUT... IT LOOKS LIKE A GIANT RING...!

BEL-CHAN?
DON'T BE AFRAID. ANOTHER STAR WILL BE BORN FROM THIS
ANOTHER...?

M... MAYBE...
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AFTER THE EXPLOSION... GAS AND DUST TURN INTO A NEBULA LIKE THIS...
IN THE END, UNDER THE FORCE OF THEIR GRAVITY, THEY COAGULATE AND BECOME A STAR—
NEW LIFE IS BORN—...
THE UNIVERSE LIVES ON BY REPEATING THIS OVER AND OVER...
...THAT'S WHY THERE ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE
THAT OUR WORK OF FUSING HOSHI LEADS TO DIMINISHING LIFE AND SHOULD BE STOPPED
MAHO...?
I'VE ALSO BEEN THINKING FOR A LONG TIME..
THAT'S WHY I—
YEAH~~~ ABOUT THAT...

BEFORE THE UNIVERSE BEGAN!
Y... YES
SENSEI, REALLY?
THERE REALLY WAS NOTHING?
EH...
LIH.. ERR... WELL...
EXISTED, DIDN'T IT...?
BUT "VOID" ...
WE CAN'T HELP BUT THINK THAT UNIVERSE BEGAN FROM THE "VOID"!
THERE REALLY WAS NOTHING BEFORE THAT
IN THE END, THERE HAD TO BE "SOMETHING"?
ISN'T IT WEIRD THAT YOU OR I APPEARED FROM A PLACE WHERE THERE REALLY WAS NOTHING!?
HEY, MAHO! QUIT MAKING TROUBLE FOR SENSEI!
BUT...

IF YOU WANT TO ASCERTAIN THAT, ALL YOU CAN DO IS THINK AND INVESTIGATE FOR YOURSELF!
SCIENTISTS AND ASTRONAUTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD DO IT BY STAKING THEIR OWN LIVES!
I ALREADY TOLD YOU THERE WAS NOTHING THERE!
AND YOU SAW IT YOURSELF? SO THEN YOU'RE LIKE 13.7 BILLION YEARS OLD, MEGURU? HMMM...
THERE'S NO WAY I AM!!
.....
I HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF YOU!
ASCERTAIN, HUH—
I JUST FEEL THERE IS SOMETHING—
SENSEI! DON'T GIVE MAHO ANY WEIRD IDEAS!
AT THIS RATE...
EVEN IF I THINK ABOUT IT NOW I STILL DON'T GET IT—
BUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING PERONYAN—
RIGHT! THAT'S IT, MAHO!
TO BELIEVE IN MY OWN HUNCH AND SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THE UNIVERSE
THAT IS MY MISSION!!
!
YES...
IT'S THAT HUNCH!!

SHIRAFUNE...!
Y...
YOU'RE VERY WELCOME!!
I OFFICIALLY REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE AS WELL!!
I WANT TO PROVE THIS HUNCH...
LET ME HELP YOU AS WELL!!
I WANT TO DO IT TOO!

YEAH! LET'S GO, LET'S GO!!
YOU TOO... BEL-CHAN?
THEN LET'S RETURN TO MARS FOR NOW!
.....
IF IT'S NOT SCARY...
ME TOO... I WANT TO MEET OTHER HOSHI..
O...OFFICIALLY...?
ME...

CAN WE BRING BEL-CHAN ALONG WITH US?
YES... THIS GIRL SHOULD BE OKAY. PLEASE PULL HER ALONG BY THE HAND, WATARU
SO—
AH...
WE'RE BACK...!

ARE YOU ALL OKAY?
W.. WE MAY BE A LITTLE TIRED...
Y... YES, SOMEHOW...
!!
TH... THIS CHILD IS THE ONE...
YES.. BETELGEUSE'S HOSHI...
She's Bel-chan
BETELGEUSE...! A LITTLE CHILD LIKE THIS...!!
M... MY NAME IS FIFI COLLINS
I'M PLEASED TO MEET YOU, BEL-CHAN...
Y... YES...
TH... THIS CHILD IS SO CUTE ~~~!!
SHE'S... NOT HOT, IS SHE...?
Even though she's a star...
YES, SHE CREATED A FORM FOR HERSELF TO MATCH US

WH... WHAT IS THIS?
A POWER OUTAGE!?
KYA!
WITH BODY TEMPERATURE CLOSE TO HUMAN LEVEL—
NO...WE SWITCHED OVER TO EMERGENCY LIGHTING
WE'RE CLOSE TO RUNNING OUT OF THE "POWER OF MEMORY" ENERGY
BOTH WATARU AND I
ME...?
BECAUSE WE USED A LOT OF IT WHEN RESCUING BEL-CHAN
BUT THERE IS NO NEED TO WORRY. WE CAN JUST GO REPLENISH IT
An extraterrestrial is coming!!
TO EARTH!
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I'M PEROPUNYAN!
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING ABLE TO MEET YOU ALL WHEN WE LAND ON EARTH TOMORROW!
EVERYONE ON EARTH! HELLO FROM THE GODDARD!

Step 37 Return

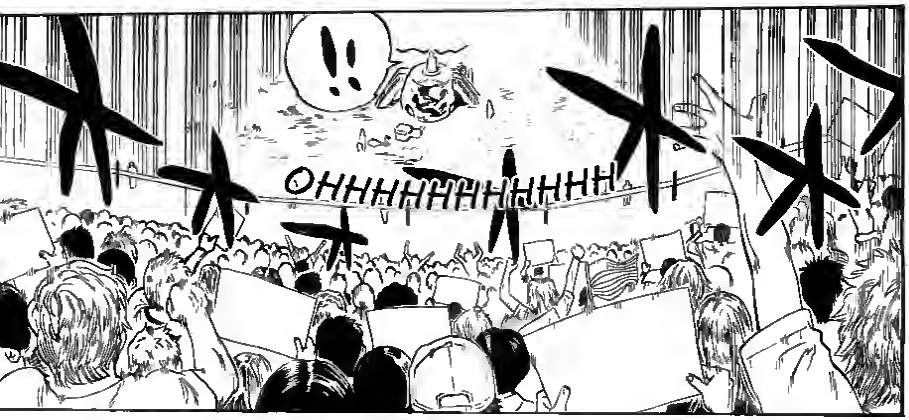
Story Takouchi Ryousuke
Art Miyokawa Masaru

LET'S ALL WAIT FOR THAT MOMENT!
VERY SOON, THE CHILDREN AND THE CAPSULE CARRYING THEM WILL MAKE A LANDING!
WELCOME to the EARTH
THIS WAS YESTERDAY'S VIDEO LETTER!

AH, WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU, MEGURU!
EVERYONE, PLEASE RETURN SAFELY...!!
PLEASE LAND SAFELY... PLEASE LAND SAFELY...
...LY
... SAFELY
WAH!!
MARKA!? WHAT IS THIS...?
Y... YEAH, I MEAN, THEY SAY THE RETURN IS MORE DIFFICULT THAN THE LAUNCH...
YOU WERE HERE ALONE ALL THIS TIME?
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU'D BE WORRIED, BUT...
I... I SEE..
THIS? WE ALL WENT TO BUY PERONYAN HATS!

WELL, IT IS OUR FIRST TIME WAITING FOR OUR FRIENDS TO RETURN...
BUT USUBARU-SAN AND EVERY-ONE ARE THERE, SO IT'LL GO FINE!
Y... YEAH!
IT APPEARS! THE LANDING CAPSULE APPEARS!
!!
AH! WAIT!
WH... WHERE!?
THERE!!
.....
AH

THE PARA-CHUTE'S OPENED LIKE IT WAS SUPPOSED TO!!
NOW IF THE REVERSE THRUSTERS KICK IN PROPERLY—
It's a success!
The landing succeeded safely!
GREAT!!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OHHHHHHHHHHHH

O- IG... FEELS LIKE THIS...
.....
MY BODY'S HEAVY... I CAN'T MOVE...

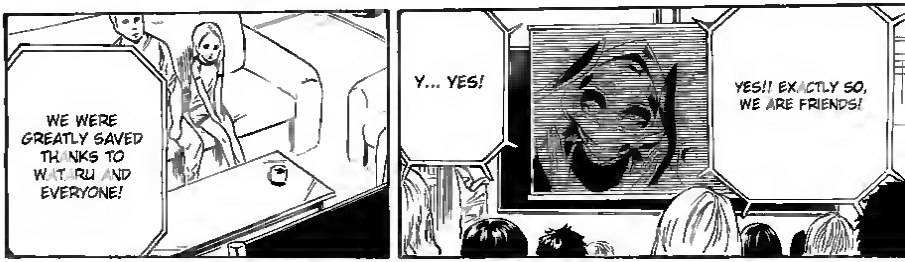
Waaaaaaaaah
AH, THE HAND! HE'S WAVING HIS HAND!!
R... RIGHT NOW, THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL PEROPLINYAN IS SHOWING HIS FACE

IT'S AN AMAZING WELCOME~~
LET'S GO, WATARU!
UH... YEAH...
I KNOW, BUT...

.....
DO YOUR BEST! IT'S OUR BIGGEST CHANCE RIGHT NOW!
THIS IS TOUGH EVERY TIME..
IT TAKES OVER A MONTH FOR YOUR FEEL FOR EARTH TO RETURN
TO REPLENISH ON EARTH...!
AT THIS RATE, I CAN'T GO TO MY STAR SYSTEM AND LET BEL MEET OTHER HOSHI
THE ROPE GATE IS ALSO CLOSED, AND MY SHIP IS IN THIS STATE..!
YES, PLEASE LOOK OUTSIDE
AH...!
THE TOWER'S LIGHTS ARE OFF!?
.....
SOMETHING BAD...?
...COLLECT THE POWER OF MEMORY ONCE AGAIN— ...HUH

CAN YOU GO, MIKURA-SAN?
Y... YES, SOMEHOW.
EVERYONE'S FEELINGS TOWARD SPACE ARE PROBABLY STRONGER THAN EVER
...NO
WITH YOU AND PEROPU-NYAN HERE THIS TIME
Ah
There are no problems! Everyone is well!
Following Mr. Usubaru, Mr. Amachi is now being supported out!
I'M AMACHI WATARU
WE HAVE RETURNED!
E... EVERYONE
I'M GLAD~~

AS YOU ALL ALREADY KNOW FROM OUR TRANSMISSIONS FROM ABOARD THE GODDARD
THEY HAVE BECOME OUR "FRIENDS"
THESE TWO ARE PEROPUNYAN AND BETELGEUSE...
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP


WE WERE GREATLY SAVED THANKS TO WATARU AND EVERYONE!
Y... YES!
YES!! EXACTLY SO, WE ARE FRIENDS!

OHHH~~~~~~~~!!
THIS TIME, IT'S NOT JUST US WHO, TOGETHER WITH THESE FRIENDS...
BUT... WE STILL REQUIRE EVERYONE TO LEND US THEIR STRENGTH
AND I AM VERY HAPPY THAT WE WERE ABLE TO COME TO EARTH LIKE THIS!

I... I WONDER IF IT'LL WORK...
……!
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WOULD AIM TO GO TO SPACE ONCE AGAIN!
clap
clap
clap
Waaaaaaaah

!!
J... JUST WHAT COULD THIS BE...!?
TH... THAT'S AN AMAZING AMOUNT OF LIGHT BEING COLLECTED!
IT'S ALL RIGHT!!
IT'S EVERYONE'S FEELINGS TOWARD SPACE BEING TURNED INTO LIGHT!!
CLAP
CLAP
おぉ～!!
CLAP
OHHHhhh~!!
THAT EVERY-ONE WOULD SO STRONGLY WANT TO GO TO SPACE WITH US
TOUCHES ME DEEPLY!!

WELCOME BACK, MAHO!
EH...!
WHAT... DO YOU MEAN, "EH"!? YOU WENT ALL THE WAY TO MARS... TO BETELGEUSE!
WELL... UH... YEAH...
.....
YES... I'M BACK!
WHAT'S THAT, SPACE SICKNESS~~~?
MEGURU WAS WORRIED SICK! THE LEAST YOU COULD DO IS USE PROPER GREETINGS!
R... REALLY!? I'M SORRY, MEGURU
As you can see, I'm fine
YOU WORKED HARD, MAHO, SO YOU MUST BE TIRED...?
STRK
Y... YEAH?
ACTUALLY! BETELGEUSE WAS AMAZING!
There was this super-nova explosion—
.....

IF I MAY, I'D ALSO LIKE TO USE THAT TIME TO STAY ON EARTH AND LOOK AROUND!
NO! IT SEEMS YOU ALL NEED MORE OF A REST THAN WE THOUGHT...
PEROPUNYAN, WE'VE SUCCESSFULLY GATHERED THE POWER
WE CAN GO TO MARS ANY TIME I THINK WE JUST NEED TO OPEN THE GATE
YEAH... TRUE...
ERR...
WATARU...
AND BEL WANTS TO GO TO THE SPACE ACADEMY AS WELL, RIGHT!?
NOD
NOD
MARKA! CAN YOU SHOW BEL AROUND?
It's difficult for us to move about now...
EH! ME!?

I... I'M OKAY WITH THAT, BUT WHY ME ..?
じーっ STARE
BECAUSE YOU'RE CLOSE TO HER IN HEIGHT?
SO, YOU WANT ME TO SHOW YOU AROUND?
MAKE SURE YOU CALL ME MARKA-SENPAI!
MA... MARKA-SENPAI!
WHAT ABOUT WATARU ..?
I'LL CATCH UP TO YOU LATER
ALL RIGHT, WE'RE GOING!
YES
IT HELPED GREATLY THAT BEL-CHAN HERSELF POSSESSES STRONG POWER OF SOUND
WELL, SHOULD I FIRST GO TALK TO THOSE PEOPLE?
TH... THAT WOULD BE A BIG HELP!

IZUMI, TAKE IT SLOWLY!
IF YOU GET TIRED, SAY SO AT ONCE ..
YES, BUT PLEASE LET ME TRY AS HARD AS I CAN
BECAUSE I TOO...
HAVE BECOME STRONG...!
PLEASE REST ASSURED! I WILL TAKE GOOD CARE OF IZUMI-CHAN!
EHHH, THAT SOMEHOW RE-VERSES OUR ROLES...
.....
I SEE... TRULY, I THANK YOU...
And so, Paropunyan went to every place on Earth
EHHH... THAT'S HOW YOU THINK OF ME!?

ON HIS TRIP TO ALL PARTS OF JAPAN, MR. PEROPUN-YAN TODAY AS WELL—
WAS PLANTING TREES IN A TANEGASHIMA KINDERGARTEN
PEROPUNYAN LOOKS BUSY!
Izumi-chan too.
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IT'S BEEN LIKE THIS FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS...
YEAH...
DO YOU MISS SPACE... OR YOUR OWN PLANET?
I DO~ EARTH IS A GOOD PLACE AND I'D LIKE TO STAY A LITTLE LONGER
BUT I HAVE MY MISSION AS WELL
OUR PHYSICAL CONDITION HAS RECOVERED...
HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO STAY HERE...?
I.. I'M THIRSTY
I'LL BUY SOMETHING FOR YOU TWO AS WELL!
TH-.. THANKS!

I THINK IT MIGHT BE TIME TO DEPART!
WANT TO RETURN TO SPACE...
...I SEE
THEN I TOO...
WANT TO RETURN—
YOU TOO, RIGHT, AMACHI-KUN!?
EH...
I...
I TOO...
HAVE TO GO TO OPEN THE MARS GATE
.....
THAT'S WHAT PEROPUNYAN SAID...

RIGHT RIGHT!! I CAN'T WAIT TO GO SEE THAT!!
UH... YEAH.. THAT'S TRUE ..
THAT'S WHERE THE HOSHI THAT HOSHI FUSE TO IS...
PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE UNIVERSE GATHER FOR THAT
THAT THE GATE ON MARS IS CONNECTED TO THE GATE ON PEROPUNYAN'S HOMEWORLD

IF YOU HEAD TO FAR REACHES OF SPACE, WITH NO GATES OR STAR MAPS, ON A FASTER THAN LIGHT SPACESHIP, THERE WILL BE A TIME DIFFERENCE WITH PEOPLE ON EARTH...
THEY WOULDN'T BE NEARBY, LIKE LAST TIME...
BUT AFTER THAT... IF YOU PLAN TO GO SEARCH OUT HOSHI...

...EVEN THEN..
I WANT TO TRY IT...
AND SOMETHING MIGHT GO WRONG NEXT TIME AS WELL...

YOU'RE TREATING IT SO LIGHTLY, LIKE IT'S SOME SCHOOL TRIP...!!
I... SEE, YOU'RE RIGHT
THEN I HAVE TO PROPERLY...
HAVE YOU EXPLAINED ALL THAT PROPERLY? LIKE TO YOUR PARENTS...?
I SEE.
EH... THAT'S NO GOOD!!
UH... NOT YET
Feelings toward space...
Feelings toward Earth...
SAY MY FAREWELL... HUH...

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Step 38
To Space or Wherever

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FARE-WELL...?
The heart is still...
MEGURU?
I WON'T BE ABLE TO COME BACK TO EARTH THAT EASILY
EH... WELL... IF I'M GOING TO SEARCH FOR HOSHI
FAREWELL MEANS... MAHO...

Story Takeuchi Ryousuke
Art Miyokawa Masaru

I... I'M DONE FOR TODAY, I'LL BE GOING BACK FIRST
I'M LEAVING THE DRINKS HERE
UH... YEAH, THANKS
SO THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO TELL THAT TO EVERY-ONE PROPERLY AT LEAST ONCE
ゴソ...
... I SEE... YES
THIS IS HOW IT HAD TO BE AFTER ALL...
MAHO, YOU'RE GOING FARTHER AND FARTHER AWAY, AREN'T YOU?
.....
MEGURU...?
....SHIRA-FUNE

EH...!
JUST DO IT, HURRY!!
G-
GO AFTER HER!!
At this time, the Mars project has been completed successfully
What's next for us ST&RS is
Y... YES!
DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY YOU HAVE TO TALK IT OVER PROPERLY!?
GO AND DO IT!
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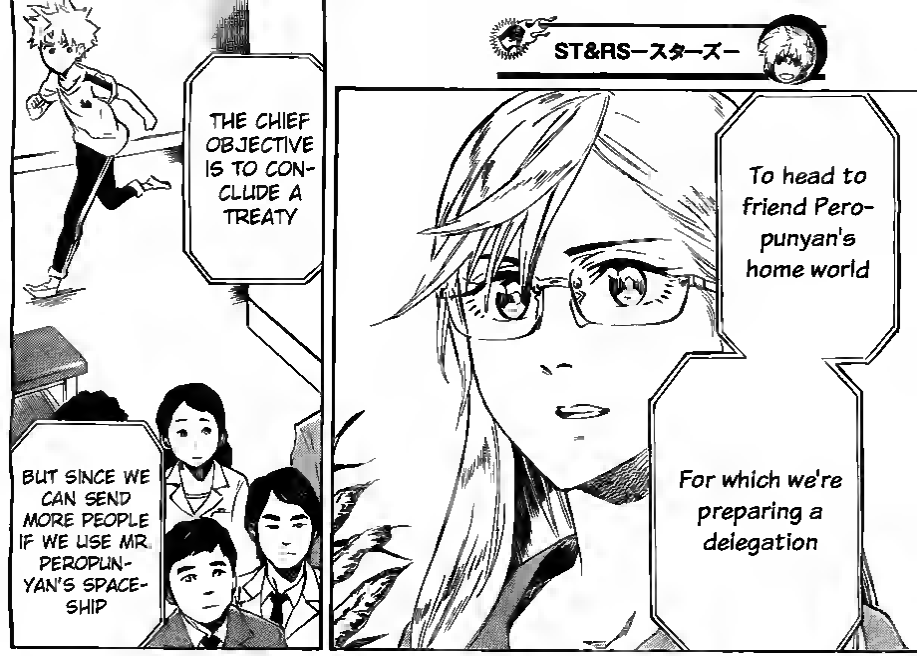
THE CHIEF OBJECTIVE IS TO CONCLUDE A TREATY
BUT SINCE WE CAN SEND MORE PEOPLE IF WE USE MR. PEROPUNYAN'S SPACESHIP
To head to friend Peropunyan's home world
For which we're preparing a delegation

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WE ARE CURRENTLY PLANNING A DELEGATION OF AROUND 500 MEMBERS

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ME... MEGU-CHAN...?
!
UH...
!!
WHAT'S WRONG...?
AND I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL POWERS EITHER...
I... I HAVEN'T EVEN GONE TO SPACE YET...
....MAHO IS...
MAHO IS GET-TING FARTHER AND FARTHER AWAY...

.....
IT'S LIKE... I...
I'VE FINALLY NOTICED THAT VASTNESS OF SPACE...
MEGU-CHAN
!?
SHIRAFUNE-SAN!!
I'LL TAKE HIM!!

I... IZUMI-CHAN!?
HONEST TO HIS FEELINGS.. ALWAYS WALKING WHILE LOOKING STRAIGHT AHEAD.. SHIRAFUNE-SAN IS WONDERFUL, ISN'T HE?
HE'S ENCOURAGED ME TIME AFTER TIME AS WELL...
BUT IN REALITY, THERE ARE TIMES HE'S DANGEROUS LIKE A ROCKET...
THAT'S WHY I WANT SOMEONE LIKE MEGU-CHAN BY SHIRAFUNE-SAN'S SIDE...
YOU DON'T NEED ANY KIND OF A SPECIAL POWER
IF YOU'RE WITH SHIRA-FUNE-SAN, MEGU-CHAN
YOU CAN DO YOUR BEST NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO, CAN'T YOU?
.....!
THANK YOU, IZUMI-CHAN...!
SO
IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT!
WAH!?

!
MEGU-RU...
I TOO...
I...
.....
MA... MAHO!!
LET'S GO COLLECT HOSHI TOGETHER!

EH...
I'M SURE IT'S A BIG PROBLEM, SO I WAS WORRIED WHETHER I SHOULD SAY IT...
BUT IN THE END, I WANT TO GO WITH YOU, MEGURU!
I MEAN, WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN TOGETHER SO FAR!
YES...
.....
YES...!

The following day—
EH— ABOUT THE DELEGATION THAT WAS ANNOUNCED
THOSE WHO'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE TAKE THE APPLICATION FORM
EH, EVERYONE!?
I... I WAS THE ONLY ONE WORRYING~~~...?
WHAT'S WRONG, MEGURU?
YOU'RE GOING, RIGHT!?
O... OF COURSE I AM! I'M GOING RIGHT INTO SPACE!!
IT'LL GET EVEN MORE TROUBLESOME FROM NOW ON
YEAH...

ACTUALLY, I...
SHOULD I GO ON THE JOURNEY LOOKING FOR HOSHI WITH SHIRAFUNE...
OR RETURN TO EARTH...?
WILL OPEN THE GATE AND GO TO PEROPUNYAN'S PLANET—
BUT I HAVEN'T DECIDED WHAT COMES AFTER
AFTER...?
IN ORDER FOR US TO SCREEN THE APPLICANTS FOR THE DELEGATION
THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR ONE WEEK STARTING TOMORROW
YOU CAN ALL GO TO YOUR HOMES!
OVER!
STAND UP!!

November 5
SEIUN 彩雲 駅 STATION
HUH~~~
I'M FINALLY HERE~~~
BUT REALLY, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE BEEN HOME
THERE'S NO WAY THAT'S TRUE!
I FEEL LIKE THE TRIP WAS LONGER THAN TO BETEL-GEUSE...
SEE YOU, I'LL EMAIL YOU
YEAH
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AMACHI
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WHAT IS IT, WATARU? IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SAY?
EH... NO...
...ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING...?
UGH...
I WON'T BE SURPRISED BY ANYTHING YOU DO ANYMORE
SINCE YOU ALREADY HAVE A RECORD OF LYING TO YOUR FATHER, TAKING THE TEST, AND BECOMING AN ASTRONAUT

...IT SEEMS READMAN IS GOING AS WELL. HE CALLED ABOUT IT
I'M SURE IT'S ABOUT JOINING THAT HUGE DELEGATION
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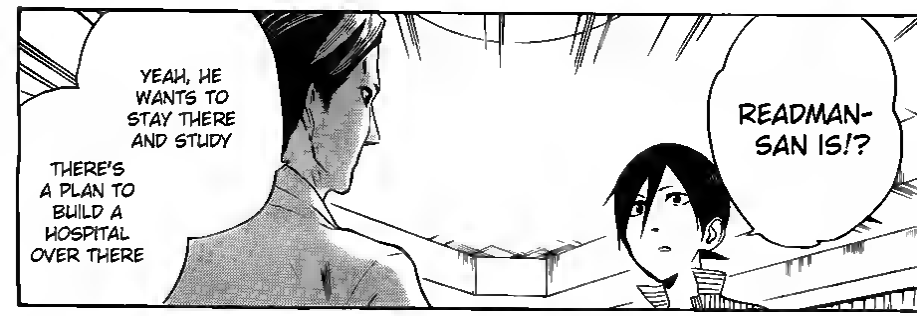
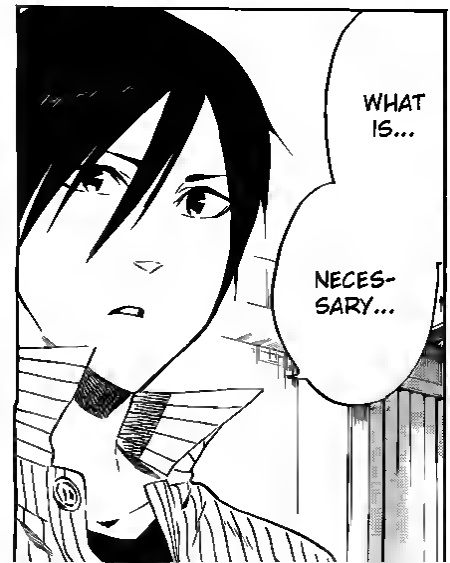

READMAN-SAN IS!?
YEAH, HE WANTS TO STAY THERE AND STUDY
THERE'S A PLAN TO BUILD A HOSPITAL OVER THERE


WHAT IS...
NECES-SARY...

A HOSPITAL... IN SPACE...!

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS NECES-SARY IN ORDER TO BECOME A DOCTOR?
...WATARU

I THINK IT'S... STUDIES, A TEACHER TO GUIDE YOU
AND YOUR OWN FEELINGS OF WANTING TO BECOME A DOCTOR
...THAT'S RIGHT, YOU DO GET IT THEN...
WHAT IS UNNECES-SARY?
UNNECES-SARY...?
.....
THAT WOULD BE...
THE PLACE
EVEN IN REFUGEE CAMPS THAT LACK FOR EVERYTHING, THERE ARE THOSE WHO ASPIRE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE
THE PATH CAN BE ANY-WHERE— THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS

TRY AND DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO!
BUT IT'S YOU WHO WILL WALK IT
IN SPACE OR ANYWHERE ELSE
Y...
YES!
...INCIDENTALLY, YOUR MOTHER'S CONDITION HAS IMPROVED
SHE'LL BE DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL TOMORROW

I... IS THAT TRUE!?
YEAH
SO, ALL THREE OF US, AFTER SO LONG...
November 11, early morning—
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COME ON, HURRY UP!!
WAI... MEGURU, YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUSH ME SO MUCH
I'M SORRY~~ YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO DO THIS, MEGURU-CHAN
GEEZ... HOW DID YOU BECOME SO LAX JUST FROM ONE WEEK'S BREAK!?
N... NO, I'M USED TO IT ALREADY...

MEGURU— I'M READY. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
!
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HIM AGAIN FROM NOW AND FOR-EVER!
AHHH... I FEEL MORE AT EASE IF MEGURU-CHAN IS THERE
HOHOHO
FOREV-!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY FOR-EVER—!?
WAIT UP...!
HUH~~~
IT'S COLD!
YOU'RE LATE!
I WONDER IF AMACHI-KUN IS ALREADY HERE?

AMACHI-KUN!
YOU'RE EARLY~~!
BECAUSE TWO YEARS AGO I BARELY MADE IT IN TIME AND IT WAS TROUBLE
駅 STATION
The reason for thoughts of space, thoughts of future is...!?
THERE'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT HERE
OH YEAH... WE ASSEMBLED HERE FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAM AS WELL
RIGHT. I'M GLAD THE THREE OF US ARE ABLE TO GATHER HERE LIKE THIS ONCE AGAIN~~!
LET'S GO!!
YOU GUYS.. BEFORE WE GO BACK TO SCHOOL

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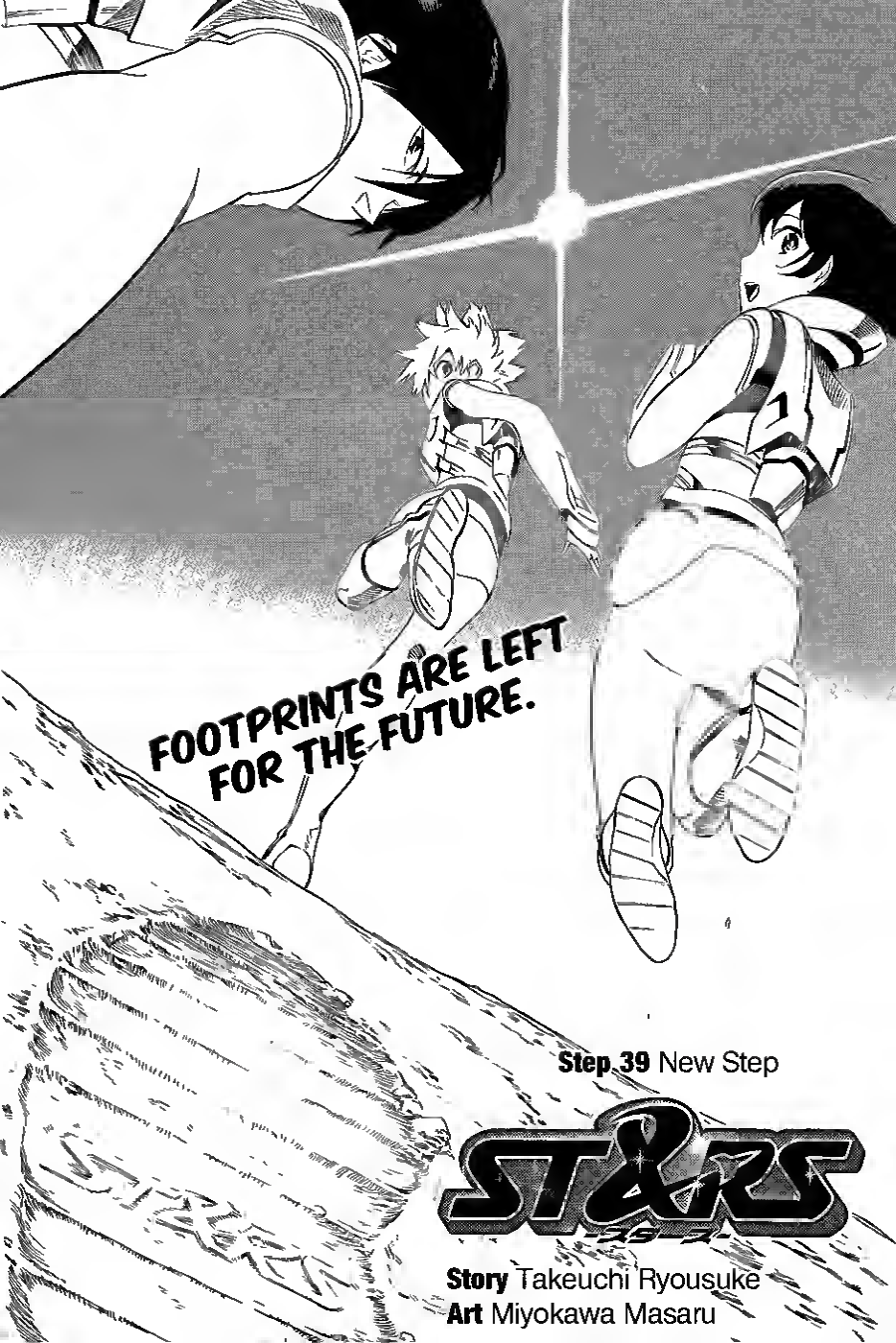

Step 39 New Step

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IN THIS PLACE...
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TALK ABOUT HERE
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT VARIOUS THINGS
AMACHI-KUN...?
I'VE DECIDED
I WON'T BE GOING ALONG WITH YOU TO SEARCH FOR HOSHI

OF COURSE, IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE IT
I DO HAVE THE FEELINGS OF WANTING TO SOLVE THE MYSTERIES OF THE UNIVERSE...
AMACHI-KUN, YOU HAVE POWER. YOU'RE MORE SUITED FOR IT THAN ME..
EH...! WHY NOT!?
AH...
WHAT ABOUT BECOMING A DOCTOR...?
A HOSPITAL...!
YEAH... THAT'S WHERE PEOPLE WHO ARE BOTH ASTRONAUTS AND DOCTORS ARE NECESSARY
FOR HUMANS WHO WILL BE STAYING ON PEROPUNYAN'S PLANET...
...A PART OF THE PLAN FOR THE DELEGATION CALLS FOR CONSTRUCTING A HOSPITAL

I WANT TO TRY WORKING THERE
THAT'S WHY, ONCE I GRADUATE FROM THE SPACE ACADEMY
I WILL STUDY IN ORDER TO BECOME A DOCTOR NEXT!
Amachi Hospi
Alien Internal Me
Pero Pediatric
UH... YEAH, THAT SOUNDS PROBLEM-ATIC....
I WONDER IF SOMEDAY YOU WILL ALSO TREAT EXTRATER-RESTRIALS?
...!
THAT'S AMAZING! TO BE A DOCTOR ON PERO-NYAN'S PLANET...
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS, SHIRAFUNE...
YEP...
I GOT IT...!

.....
WHAT YOU SAID HERE TWO YEARS AGO...
THAT YOU CAN'T GO TO SPACE ALONE...
IT WAS REALLY TRUE
ALSO, THERE ARE DIFFERENT ROLES AND WE HAVE TO HELP EACH OTHER— THAT WAS SAID AS WELL
THAT'S WHY... EVEN IF WE HAVE TO PART FOR NOW
SOMEDAY I TOO WANT TO AIM FOR SPACE TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE, LIKE IN THE PAST TWO YEARS...!

AMACHI-KUN...
LET'S...
LET'S DO IT TOGETHER AGAIN FOR SURE!
NO MATTER HOW VAST IT IS, WE—

WE ARE STILL IN THE SAME UNIVERSE!

YEAH...!
B... BUT, BUT, WE'RE STILL TOGETHER FOR THE PRESENT!
YEAH... FOR NOW, WE HAVE TO GET BACK FROM THE DELEGATION AND GRADUATE THE SPACE ACADEMY
RIGHT. OKAAAY...
LET'S ALL AIM TO GRADUATE FROM THE SPACE ACADEMY!
AHAHA MAHO HAS THE WORST GRADES ON TESTS
WHOA, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY THAT RIGHT NOW!
YOU TWO...
THANK YOU SO MUCH...
FOR BRINGING ME TO THE SPACE ACADEMY

ALL RIGHT
EVERYTHING IS READY!

HERE WE GO!
TO MY HOME-WORLD, THAT COLLECTS EVERYTHING FROM ALL OVER THE UNIVERSE...
TO APRÓREIN!
THIS IS...

PEROPUN-YAN'S PLANET, APROREIN....!
HERE WE GO! WALK PROUD AS REPRESENTATIVES OF EARTH!
YES!

IT'S TRUE!
WAH! LOOK, LOOK! THERE'S A TON OF EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS HERE!!

WELCOME, FRIENDS! WE GREET YOU WARMLY
LET'S TAKE EACH OTHER'S HANDS AND TOGETHER BUILD A PROSPEROUS UNIVERSE!

AND SO, EVERY-ONE, DO YOUR BEST ON YOUR RESPECTIVE PROJECTS!
I'M EXPECTING EACH ONE OF YOU TO PRO-DUCE SPLENDID RESULTS!
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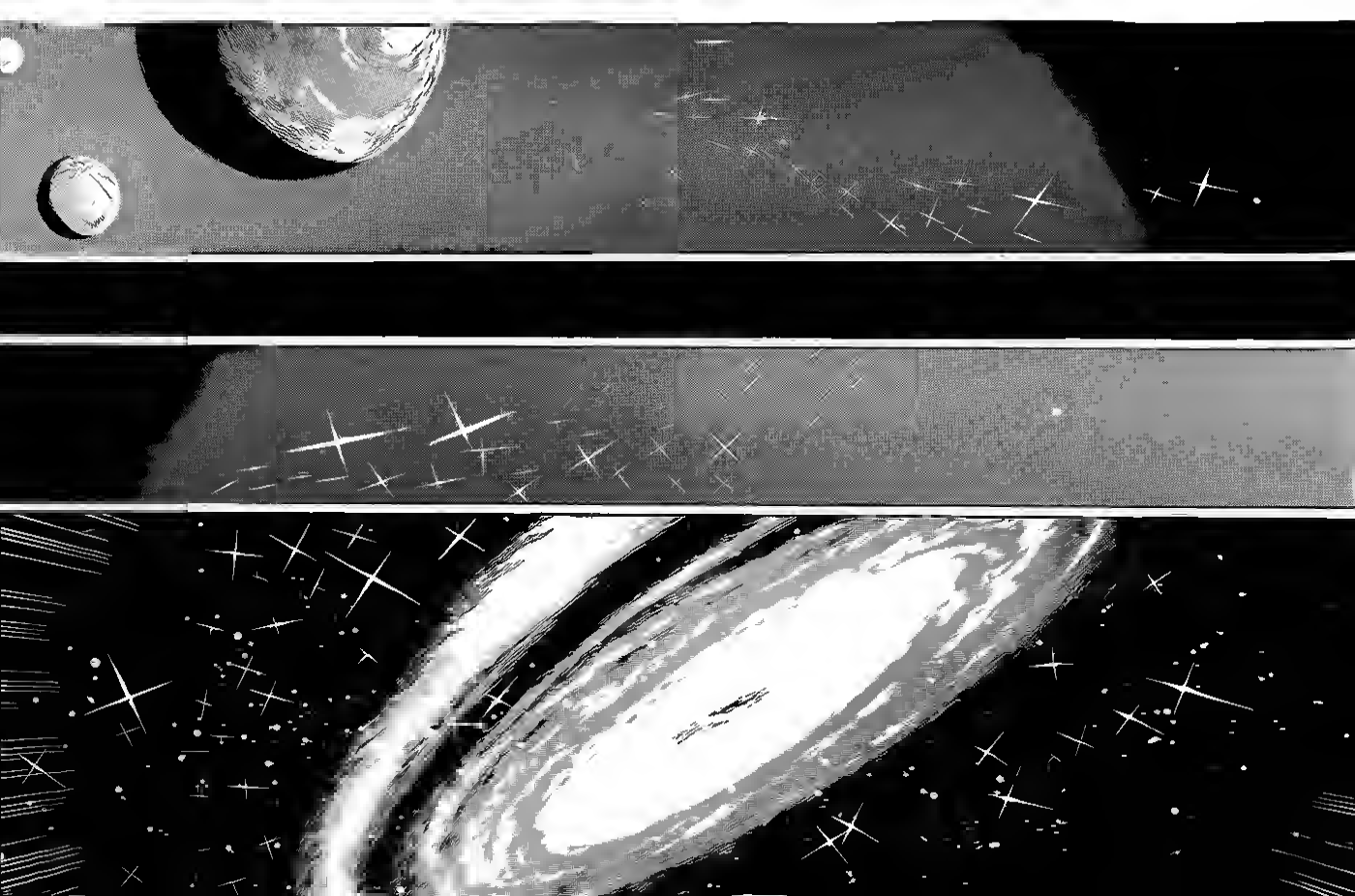
YOU'RE GOOD AT IT, TSUCHIGAMI-KUN!
I'LL GO INTO SHIPS... I HOPE I CAN BUILD NEW SPACESHIPS
SOMEDAY, I WANT TO FLY THEM!
I'M GOING TO PARTICIPATE IN PLANETARY TERRAFORMING TOGETHER WITH MY PARENTS
IT LOOKS LIKE WE CAN LIVE ON MARS SOONER THAN ANYONE IMAGINED!
WHAT ABOUT YOU, FUKAMI-KUN, EVERY-ONE...?
I'M SURE THIS WILL TURN INTO A ROUTE WITH LOTS OF PEOPLE COMING AND GOING
I WILL POLISH MY SKILLS AS PART OF THE TRANSPORT SHIP CREW
I WANTED TO GO WITH USUBARU, BUT BEL HAS BEEN ASKING TO SEE MORE OF VARIOUS THINGS...

WE WERE ABLE TO GET HERE THANKS TO YOU GUYS
I THOUGHT I SHOULD THANK YOU PROPERLY.
FIFI-SAN
MAY I HAVE A MOMENT?
...I'M HAPPY... THAT I WAS ABLE TO MEET YOU
I AM TRULY GLAD
NO! WHAT WE DID WAS REALLY VERY LITTLE...
IT'S BECAUSE FIFI-SAN AND EVERYONE AL-WAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS DID THEIR BEST BEFORE US...
THAT'S WHY IT'S US WHO HAVE TO SAY... THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
SEND A MESSAGE?
?
THERE YOU ALL ARE! I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK!

ONE～～ TWO!
I WANNA DO IT, I WANNA DO IT!!
BECAUSE A STAR WITH GOOD PROSPECTS HAS BEEN DISCOVERED!
YES! I WANT TO SEND A MESSAGE TO A STAR THAT'S STILL NOT IN THE CELESTA
DONE?
YES!
IT SPREADS LIKE THIS...
THERE'S PLENTY OF SPACE YET UNKNOWN LEFT...!
WILL IT REACH ANYONE...?
I'M SURE IT WILL!

I CAN'T WAIT TO GO...
TO NEW SPACE!!



誰を呼ぶ…
(Who calls to me ?)
誰…？
(Who ?)
Thank you very much for reading this!! Please look forward to next work from Takeuchi-sensei and Miyokawa-sensei!! Jiro-comics vol.1 goes on sale in May, and the final vol.5 on sale in June!!

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